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Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.23

Establishment of the World Solidarity Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/210 of 20 December 2000 and 56/207 of 21 December 2001,

Recalling also the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] adopted by heads of State and Government,

Stressing the objectives of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development[2] and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development,[3] the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held at Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,[4] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[5] adopted at the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held at Brussels from 14 to 20 May 2001,

[1] See resolution 55/2.
[2] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.
[3] Ibid., annex II.
[4] Resolution S-24/2, annex, sect. 1.
[5] See A/CONF.191/13, chap. II.

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Recalling the Monterrey Consensus, adopted at the International Conference on Financing for Development, held at Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002,[6] and the Political Declaration[7] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,[8] adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held at Johannesburg, South Africa, from 26 August to 4 September 2002,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Proposal to establish a world solidarity fund for poverty eradication",[9]

1. *Endorses* the decision of the World Summit on Sustainable Development to establish the World Solidarity Fund to eradicate poverty and to promote social and human development in the developing countries, while stressing the voluntary nature of the contributions, and the need to avoid duplication of existing United Nations funds, and encouraging the role of the private sector and individual citizens relative to Governments in funding the endeavours, as set out in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;[8]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take the necessary measures for the immediate operationalization of the World Solidarity Fund as a trust fund of the Development Programme, subject to the financial rules and regulations as adopted by the Executive Board of the Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, on the basis of the present resolution and, as appropriate, the recommendations contained in his report on the mechanisms, modalities, terms of reference, mandates and governance of the Fund;[9]

3. *Decides* that the World Solidarity Fund will support requests received from Governments of developing countries for financing poverty alleviation projects, including initiatives from community-based organizations and small private sector entities;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to request the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2003 a progress report on the measures taken for the operationalization of the Fund;

5. *Encourages* Member States, international organizations, the private sector, relevant institutions, foundations and individuals to contribute to the Fund;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the implementation of the present resolution is reported on to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session under the agenda item entitled "Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)".

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[6] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[7] A/CONF.199/20, chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[8] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

[9] A/57/137.